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PATENT APPLICATION

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I verily believe I am the original, first and sole or joint inventor (if plural, inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

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the specifications and drawings of which

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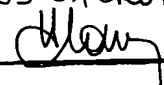


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